(vii) to provide and disseminate information and literature relating to judicial administration;

(viii) to conduct or sponsor training programmes for judicial officers and court administrators dealing with aspects of court and case flow management and court technology (computers);

(ix) to provide continuing judicial education to judicial officers of the States/Union Territories;

(x) to assist and promote education and skills programmes aimed at to promote the highest standard of professional competence and practice;

(xi) to establish Regional Centres at convenient locations in India to promote the objects of the Society;

(xii) to establish liaison with research institutions, universities and other bodies for the purpose of helping the cause of administration of Justice;

(xiii) to enhance the capabilities of the existing training institutions for Judicial Officers of the States/Union Territories, to improve their quality of training;

(xiv) to assist, interact and collaborate in promoting study of court management with other institutions and bodies, both within the country and abroad;

(xv) to undertake publication of papers, books, monographs, journals etc. in Court Management and Administration of Justice;

(xvi) to publish and disseminate information relating to results of research and other training courses/programmes;

(xvii) to award certificates and other distinctions to Judicial Officers trained and to prescribe standards of proficiency before awarding of such certificates and other distinctions;

(xviii) to establish procedures for smooth functioning of the Society and carry out activities in matters relating to personnel, finances, administration, purchases and management of hostels etc.;

(xix) to do all such other lawful acts and things as are conductive or incidental to the attainment of the objectives of the Society.

Delimitation of constituencies

816. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the process of delimitation of Parliamentary and Assembly constituencies has been completed by the Delimitation Commission;

(b) if not, the States and Union Territories in which the process has not been completed;

(c) the States and Union Territories where the process is on;

(d) the States and Union Territories where the process has not commenced as yet;

(e) by when the new proposals will come into force;

(f) whether Government propose to enforce it in the States/UTs where the process has been completed; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (d) No, Sir. The Delimitation Commission has completed the process of delimitation of Parliamentary and Assembly Constituencies in respect of the States of Goa, Kerala, Mizoram, Rajasthan, Tripura and West Bengal and the Union Territory of Pondicherry. In respect of all other States and Union Territories the work of delimitation is in progress, except for the State of Manipur where the work of the delimitation has been stopped in pursuance of the Orders of the Guwahati High Court (Imphal Bench) dated 14.12.2005 in Writ Petition (PIL) No. 16 of 2005.

(e) to (g) The Government proposes to give effect to the delimitation notifications so far issued after the delimitation exercise in respect of several other States/Union Territories are completed rather than in isolation.

Pleading of cases by litigants

817. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the event of strike by lawyers, the litigants can henceforth plead their own cases and cross examine the witnesses in criminal trials in Courts;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of Bar Associations thereto?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (b) On 10.01.2006, the full court of the High Court of Delhi passed